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The reply filed on May 3, 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Examiner respectfully submits that while Applicant's amendment and remarks address the previous rejection of claims 1-18 under 35 USC 103(a)(set forth in paragraph 1 of the office action mailed Dec. 22, 2003), it does not appear to address the additional rejection of claims 19-36 under 35 USC 103(a) (set forth in paragraph 2 of the office action mailed Dec. 22, 2003). Therefore, the record is incomplete. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cybille Delacroix-Muirheid whose telephone number is 571-272-0572. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thurs. and every other Friday from 8:30 to 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Christopher Low, can be reached on 571-272-0951. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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